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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Willie L. Judon, 22, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine.

By pleading guilty, **Judon** admitted that he was found in possession with intent to distribute the crack cocaine on March 9, 2002.

Judon was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 18, 2002, in Kansas City. He was initially arrested after law enforcement officers observed him at the corner of 43rd Street and Troost, in Kansas City, holding a white paper bag. The officers observed **Judon** conduct a hand-to-hand drug transaction near that intersection. Approximately one hour after officers observed **Judon** involved in the transaction, they observed him again as a passenger of a vehicle. Upon checking the plates of the vehicle, officers were informed of two payable warrants and then stopped the vehicle. Once the vehicle stopped, **Judon** exited it and began to flee while throwing the same white bag to the ground, Graves said. It was at that time that law enforcement officers placed **Judon** under arrest. After searching the white paper bag, law enforcement officers discovered 28 grams of crack cocaine, wrapped in several plastic baggies.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Judon** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a \$2 million fine. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation

Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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